

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Overview and services provided by the Montana Historical Society

The Museum Store offers gifts, prints and canvases, books, souvenirs, and many other products representing the history of Montana and the West including reproductions from the collections of the Montana Historical Society. Please take a look at our On-line Shopping Cart at www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/departments/store for additional products. You can call us toll-free at 1-800-243-9900 or email us at mhsmuseumstore.mt.gov for more information.

To find out more about the Montana Historical Society and the additional services we offer please go to our website www.montanahistoricalsociety.org

Montana's Museum - The Museum Program collects fine art, and historical, archeological, and ethnological artifacts that pertain to Montana and its adjoining geographic region. Besides caring for the Society's museum collections, staff conducts research, produces in-house and traveling exhibits, answers reference requests from the public, and provides technical assistance to other museums, historical societies, and community organizations. The Museum operates the Original Governor's Mansion as an historic site open to the public. The Museum also administers volunteer services within the Society.

- Education - Educational programs provided by the museum include: tours of the museum, Original Governor's Mansion and the Capitol; school resources for the classroom, including artifact kits and curriculum; conferences and workshops; hands-on activities and other public programs.
- Volunteer Opportunities - You can join our team of more than 100 dedicated volunteers. All you need is a love and passion for history, and the time to enjoy it with others who want to help advance our mission! Contact the volunteer coordinator at 406-444-9553.

Publications - The Publications Program at the Montana Historical Society is designed to preserve, publish, and promote interest in the history of Montana and the West.

- Montana The Magazine of Western History - Published by the Montana Historical Society since 1951, the magazine contains articles that showcase the people, places, and events that shaped the state and the West.
- Montana Historical Society Press (MHS Press) - MHS Press books are designed to promote understanding of and discussion about Montana's social, political and cultural developments. The MHS Press has over forty titles in print.

Research Center - The Research Center consists of the library, archives and photograph archives and maintains two reference rooms from which the public can access the collections.

- Library - collects books, maps, pamphlets, government documents, and other materials that document the history of Montana and the west.
- Archives - collects government records and private manuscripts including diaries, letters, and business records, and the official records of the state government and legislature. The archives also maintains an oral history program that actively collects and creates oral histories.
- Photograph Archives - the collection contains images of prominent persons, events, cities, towns, geographical features, and agricultural and industrial developments in Montana and in adjoining states; and represents the work of many regional photographers.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) - SHPO works together with all Montanans to promote and facilitate the preservation of our state's historic, archaeological, and traditional cultural places. SHPO's staff of historians, architectural historians, historical architecture specialists and archaeologists help people across the state to identify, document, recognize, preserve and protect the heritage properties of Montana - from 10,000-year-old prehistoric campsites to 100-year-old homesteads and downtown historic main streets. A clearinghouse of place-based information and property expertise, SHPO maintains the State Antiquities Database and the National Register of Historic Places for Montana, assists owners in obtaining commercial historic building rehabilitation tax credits, reviews state and federal projects to help seek ways to lessen their potential impacts on heritage properties, and supports a network of local preservation offices in fifteen communities across the state.

- National Register Sign Program - Since 1989, the sign program has provided interpretive plaques for a nominal fee to owners of National Register-listed properties across the state. Montana's unique program is funded entirely through a percentage of the Society's allocated portion of Montana's Lodging and Facilities Tax.

SENATE ART *continued*



Medallions

(approx. 3") - limited edition bronze medallions come in a gift box with an attractive wooden stand, and a certificate of authenticity - \$80.00 each

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